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Some of the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. Copies of these documents (Documents A20, A21, A23 – A26, A31 – A35 and A38 – A46) are not being provided since copies should have been provided directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO and JPO. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

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